

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 to 4 and 7 to 15, amend Claims 1, 5 and 6, and add new Claims 16 to 26 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A print ~~An information-managing apparatus which is connected to a plurality of printing an information processing apparatus and image processing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus via a communication medium,~~ comprising:

read receiving means for reading a job ticket which describes print instruction information for receiving a print document to be printed and an instruction manual from said information processing apparatus, in which layout information of said print document and attribute information of each of said layout information are included in said instruction manual;
and

print control means for controlling distribution printing, wherein said print control means executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in a first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read by said read means in a second mode

selecting means for selecting the image processing apparatuses to which said arranged print document should be outputted on the basis of said instruction manual.

2. to 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the print instruction information described by the job ticket said instruction manual is text data described by a markup language.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A print~~ An information-managing method for a print ~~an information-managing apparatus which is connected to a plurality of printing an information processing apparatus and image processing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus via a communication medium, comprising:~~

a reading receiving step of reading a job ticket which describes print instruction information for receiving a print document to be printed and an instruction manual from said information processing apparatus, in which layout information of said print document and attribute information of each of said layout information are included in said instruction manual;
and

a print control step of controlling distribution printing, wherein said print control step executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in a first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read in said reading step in a second mode

a selecting step of selecting the image processing apparatuses to which said arranged print document should be outputted on the basis of said instruction manual.

7. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A method according to claim 6, wherein the print instruction information described by the job ticket is described by a markup language.

17. (New) A print system including a print managing apparatus and a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus connected via a communication medium, comprising:

read means for reading a job ticket which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed; and

print managing means for managing distribution printing, wherein said print managing means executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in a first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read by said read means in a second mode.

18. (New) A print system according to claim 17, wherein the job ticket and at least one of the print documents is formed as a print job.

19. (New) A print system according to claim 18, further comprising a print client, wherein the print client transmits the print job to the print managing apparatus.

20. (New) A print system according to claim 17, wherein the job ticket is reusable, and at least one of output layout information, additional information and monochromatic/color information included in the print instruction information described by the job ticket is changed to reuse the job ticket.

21. (New) A print managing method for a print managing apparatus which is connected to a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus connected via a communication medium, comprising:

a reading step of reading a job ticket which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed; and

a print managing step of managing distribution printing, wherein said print managing step executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in a first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read in said reading step in a second mode.

22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the job ticket and at least one of the print documents is formed as a print job.

23. (New) A method according to claim 22, further comprising a print client, wherein the print client transmits the print job to the print managing apparatus.

24. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the job ticket is reusable, and at least one of output layout information, additional information and monochromatic/color information included in the print instruction information described by the job ticket is changed to reuse the job ticket.

25. (New) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for a print managing method for a print managing apparatus which is connected to a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus via a communication medium, said program comprising:

a reading step of reading a job ticket which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed; and

a print control step of controlling distribution printing, wherein said print control step executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in a first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read in said reading step in a second mode.

26. (New) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for a print system including a print managing apparatus and a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus connected via a communication medium, the computer program comprising:

a reading step of reading a job ticket which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed; and

a print managing step of managing distribution printing, wherein said print managing step executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in a first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read in said reading step in a second mode.